Chapter 3

Routine Checkup

Countywide in 2000, an estimated 81.4 percent (95% CI, 79.3%-83.5%) of adults had received a routine checkup within the past two years.

Prevalence and Trend

The proportion of adult residents who had visited a doctor in past two years to receive routine medical checkups remained somewhat consistent over the years (Fig. 18).

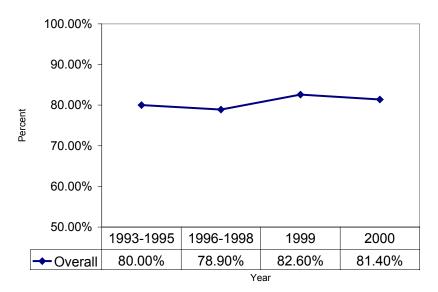


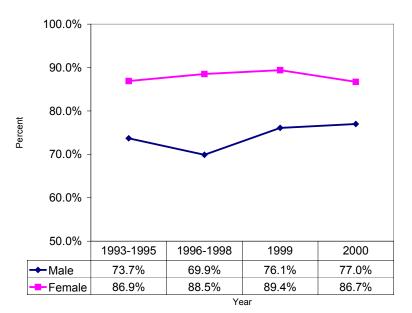
Fig.18: Routine Checkup in Past Two Years

The proportion of adults who received a routine checkup in the past two years increased with growing age (Fig.19). More seniors (age 60 and over) had visited doctor for a routine checkup in last two years than younger adults in the County. Nearly 96 percent (95.5%) of adults of aged 75 years or more said that they had gone for a routine checkup compared to 82.5 percent of adults aged 18-24 years.

Overall, women (86.7%) were much more likely than men (77%) to report having a routine checkup in the past two years (Fig.20). Routine checkup rates evaluated by other demographic variables failed to yield any notable trends (Table 6).

Fig.19: Routine Checkup by Age Group 100.0% 95.0% 90.0% 85.0% 80.0% 75.0% 70.0% 1 2 3 4 18-24 80.5% 82.0% 77.6% 82.5% 25-34 74.5% 71.4% 77.9% 78.0% 35-44 72.8% 71.2% 80.8% 77.1% 45-54 86.0% 79.1% 82.1% 80.0% 55-64 84.8% 88.4% 89.3% 84.8% 65-74 88.3% 90.4% 93.7% 93.2% 75+ 90.6% 91.2% 97.1% 95.5% Year

Fig.20: Routine Checkup by Gender



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Table 6: Routine Checkup in Past 2 Years				
	1993-1995	1996-1998	1999	2000
Highest Grade Completed				
Some HS or Less	86.2%	84.7%	83.2%	73.3%
HS Grade or GED	81.9%	81.3%	83%	82.8%
Some College	78.2%	78.9%	80.8%	82.2%
College Grade	78.9%	76.1%	83.6%	81.6%
Annual Household				
Income				
Less than \$10,000	82.6%	74.7%	84.1%	86.5%
\$10,000 - \$15,000	75.1%	73.9%	73.2%	83.3%
\$15,000 - \$20,000	89.4%	72.6%	83.2%	82.9%
\$20,000 - \$25,000	70.6%	77.8%	69.8%	86.1%
\$25,000 - \$35,000	83.7%	78.1%	85.2%	73.4%
\$35,000 - \$50,000	78.9%	81.5%	83.7%	80.1%
\$50,000+	81.2%	79%	87.4%	86.8%
Race				
White	79.8%	79.2%	82.7%	82.1%
Non-White	82.1%	76.5%	80.5%	76.9%